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FOR U. S. AIR FORCE ATTACHE COL. JOSEPH R. CASTELLI- PRIORITY

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SUBJ: 1973 AIRBORNE SOLAR ECLIPSE EXPEDITION

AEC REQUESTS EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING
FOR ALBERTO RIGHINI, ITALIAN ASTRONOMER AT
OSSERVATORIO ASTROFISCICO DE ARCETRI, FLORENCE,
TO COMPLETE USAF CLASS III AIRMAN MEDICAL EXAM AND
PHYSIOLOGICAL TRAINING. RIGHINI WILL BE EXPERIMENTER
DURING AIRBORNE OBSERVATIONS OF TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE
OCCURING OVER CENTRAL AFRICA JUNE 30, 1973 AND WILL
FLY ON CALIBRATION FLIGHTS OUT OF KIRTLAND AFB
NEW MEX DURING MAY. REGULATIONS REQUIRE ABOVE
QUALIFICATIONS PRIOR FIRST FLIGHT. EITHER ORIGINAL
OR PASSENGER PHASE PHYSIOLOGICAL TRAINING
ACCEPTABLE BUT MUST INCLUDE ACTUAL EXPERIENCE IN
HIGH- ALTITUDE CHAMBER WITH RAPID DECOMPRESSION. WE
REGARD MEDICAL EXAM AS ESSENTIAL BEFORE RIGHINI TRAVEL
TO U. S. IN EARLY MAY AND PREFER IT GIVEN BY USAF
FLIGHT SURGEON IN ITALY. PREFER PHYSIOLOGICAL
TRAINING OVER THERE AT USAF BASE AT WEISBADEN BUT CAN
BE DONE AT USAF BASES NEAR KIRTLAND IN MAY. ITALIAN
AF TRAINING ALSO ACCEPTABLE IF ABOVE CHAMBER EXPERIENCE
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GIVEN. THE INSTRUMENTED C-135 IS OPERATED BY
4900 TH TEST GP, AFSWC AFSC, KIRTLAND AFB ON AGREEMENT

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BETWEEN THE AEC AND USAF. RIGHINI' S PARTICIPATION IN ECLIPSE MISSIONS IS SPONSORED BY NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, WASHINGTON, D. C. RIGHINI MAY BE CONTACTED THROUGH HIS FATHER, DR. GUGLIEMO RIGHINI, DIRECTOR ABOVE OBSERVATORY AT FLORENCE. PHONE NUMBERS: OFFICE 22-79-07; HOME 22-11-78; AND OBSERVATORY 22-00-34.

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